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1. [redacted] report on the Kovosvit machine tool plant at Sezimovo Usti (N 49-23, E 14-42). 25X1
2. As of 1954, the plant employed about 2,000 workers. Its monthly production included about 50 automatic machine tools of the TOS type, about 90 borers of first class quality of the TOS type, 60 to 70 lathes of medium size, and about 50 grinding machines of first class quality of the TOS type. Production of knitting machines, which had been carried out at this plant up to 1953, began again in April 1954.

Attachment (2 pages and 1 location sketch):

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1. Location: (Note: see the enclosed plan). The plant lays southeast of the town SEZIMOVO USTI, closely eastwards of the railroad Sebešlav-Taber. The groundplan of the plant forms a rectangle of 300-400 m length and 250-300 m width. The southwest corner of the rectangle runs near to the crossing of the above said rail road with the highway TABOR-SOBESLAV. The distance is about 20 m. The longer axis of the rectangle runs approximately from southwest to northeast.

2. Plant's history: It was built by Bata before the WW. II. It manufactured heavy machine tools and the knitting machines. Up to the present the plant is subordinated to the original corporation headquarters (former Bata) at Gotwaldov (former ZLIN). A similar plant, with the same production, is located at PISEK.

The plant at SEZIMOVO USTI was undergoing an expansion since 1952. First, a new production hall was erected on the northeast side and, during 1953-54, several new buildings were constructed along the eastern side of the factory RR track. In 1953 cancelled was the production of the knitting machines. In April 1954 this production line was reopened and is continuing since.

3. Description of the plant:

A barbed wire fence (Note: see the plan - codemark 1) with metal posts is surrounding the whole plant area. The main entrance-gate with a small gatekeeper's lodge is near the southwestern corner of the rectangle.

The administrative building (Note: see the plan - codemark 2) is located within the southwest corner of the rectangle. It is of typical B a t a construction, made of ferrocement, groundplan 40 x 40 m, 5 floors, plain roof. The administration offices occupy the second floor. In the groundfloor are the storage of the assembly parts and the toolshop. In the third and fourth floors are the working halls of the production of the light machine tools. The equipment of this department includes the lathes, milling machines, borers, grinding machines and alike. In the fourth floor is also located the shop for distribution of tools. The fifth floor is occupied by the apprentice workshops.

The mess hall and canteen (see the plan - codemark 3) are both in one frame, ground-floor hall 50 x 50 m, located next to the administrative building, on its eastern side.

The large production hall (see the plan - codemark 4) extends itself along the northwest side of the plant. It is a ferrocement construction, 120 x 60 m, consists of the groundfloor only. In the hall runs the production of the parts for the light and heavy machine tools (shaping machines) and the majority of the plants heavy lathes are in their ~~hall~~ eastern part of this hall. The central store of tools and instruments is also located in this large production hall, as well as the grinding shop for instruments.

The foundry and tempering hall (see the plan - codemark 5) is located parallelly to the large production hall on its eastern side. Sized 100 x 60 m and 8 m height it is accommodating a sandshop too.

The new assembly hall (see the plan - codemark 6), the construction of which was begun in 1952, was put into operation beginning 1954. Made of ferrocement is about

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120 m long and 60 m wide. The hall lays in the northern part of the rectangle. Four heavy mobile cranes are operating therein. Factory's RR track (see the plan). connects the plant with the main railroad SOBESLAV-TABOR. The track runs along the large dining and foundry halls and ends in front of the new assembly hall. At the end of the track is an frame stall, where two old locomotives are utilized for heating up the neighboring factory for fibre production "Silen".

New plant's construction: In 1954 begun the construction of some new objects in the eastern part of the rectangle, just on the other side of the RR track.

4. Plant's equipment: The plant is generally well equipped and the machinery is in a good shape too. In comparatively best conditions were the milling machines, grinding machines and the minor and medium lathes. The revolver-lathes of the 25 and 50 types were deteriorating and were designed for gradual replacement. The plant is getting new os machines of TOS production and also some of the russian made - especially the grinding machines. The plant's machinery requiring the overhaul is being send to the motherplant at GETTVALDOV.

5. Production figures:

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" 50 grinding machines of TOS type, first class quality.. "

In April 1954 started again was the production of the knitting machines, which were manufactured here prior to 1953.

6. Working schedule: The work goes round o'clock in three shifts. Only the morning shift, however, works 100 %, whereas the afternoon shift is only 70 % strong and the night shift only 50 %.

7. Employee: There are approximatively 2000 workers in the plant. 60 - 70 % of them are male, the rest female. The female are now working on all types of machines. Only about 50 % of the workers are the skilled professionals, the rest are the unskilled people, transferred here from various other jobs, ~~afterxxx~~ and get fast improvised training commonly called "reeducation".

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8. Transportation: The materials and supplies are brought into the plant predominantly by the RR. The same way go the finished products

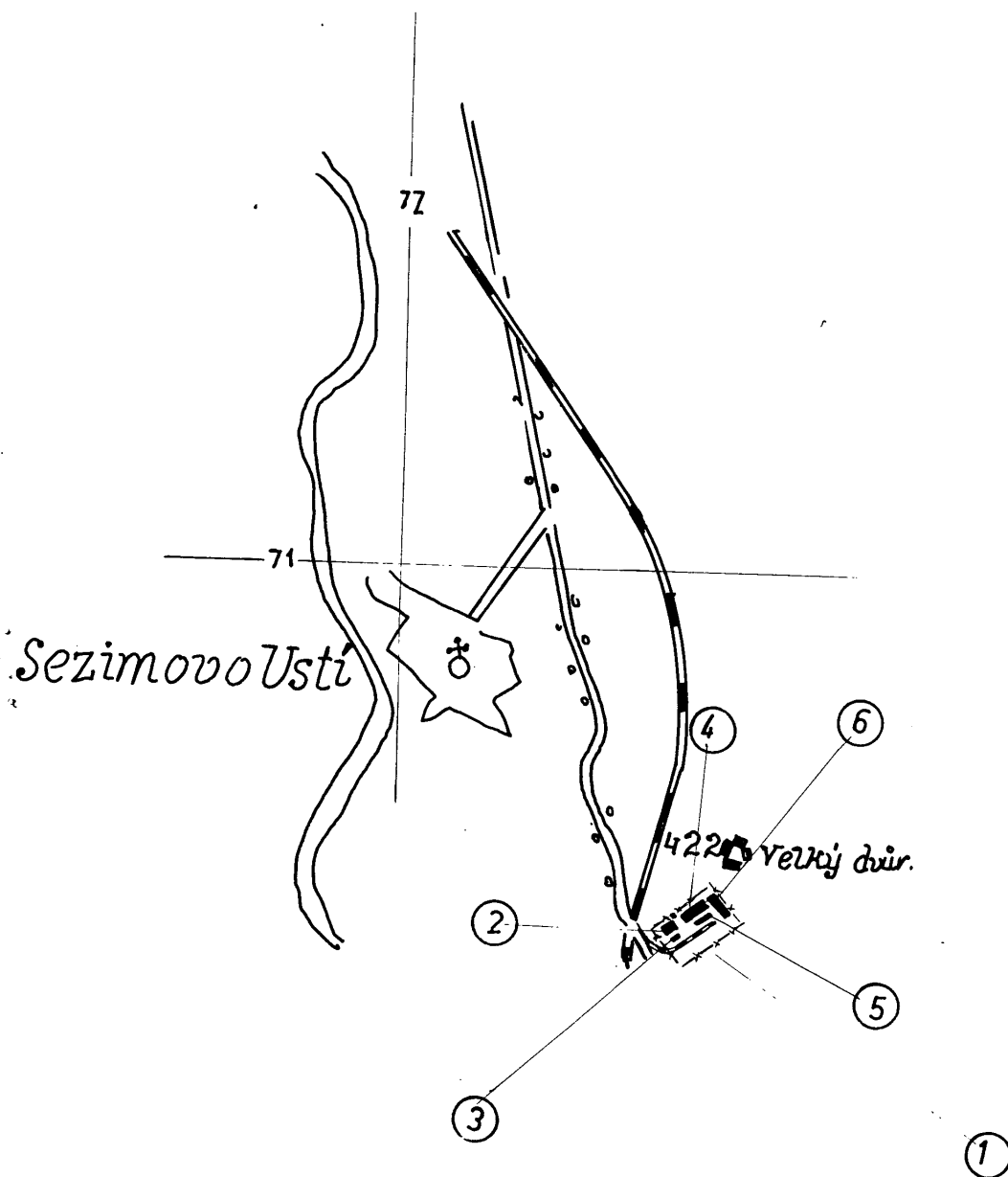
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9. Fulfilling of plan: The terms of the plan were generally answered, although there were about 3 % of wastes (refuses).

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